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Comments:

Application Serial No. 10/722,254

Filed: November 25, 2003

Title: Musical Tone Reproducing Apparatus

To Examiner Fletcher :

Please find attached our Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that we filed for the above-identified application today, Monday, December 6, 2004.

Please assist us in advancing the prosecution on this patent application.

Sincerely,

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YASUYUKI MURAKI

Confirmation Number: 6058

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Application No.: 10/722,254

Group Art Unit: 2837

Filed: November 25, 2003

Examiner: MARLON R. FLETCHER

For: Musical Tone Reproducing Apparatus and Portable Terminal Apparatus

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

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FEE PAYMENT

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 161805. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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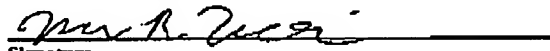

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Fletcher:

In response to the November 12, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicant attaches an e-mail from the Ms. Terry J. Dey, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, identifying that we do not have to list the claims unless an amendment has been made to the claims.

In regard to our Response filed November 3, 2004, the applicant did not amend the claims. Thus, the applicant does not have to list the claims.

We have attached a copy of the November 3, 2004 response for your convenience.

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Applicant believes that the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

Date: December 6, 2004

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Kendrick, Mark R.

From: Patent Practice [PatentPractice@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2004 10:16 AM
To: Kendrick, Mark R.
Subject: RE: Amendment Practice - Question

Dear Mr. Kendrick,

No complete claim listing is required when applicant is merely submitted arguments or an election in response to an office action. A claim listing is only required when amendments are being made to the claims. You may forward this email to the legal instruments examiner if you like. She can also contact our office directly by telephone if she has questions about 37 CFR 1.121. The number is 571-272-7703.

I hope this helps,

Ms. Terry J. Dey
Office of Patent Legal Administration
Deputy Commissioner for
Patent Examination Policy
United States Patent and Trademark Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Kendrick, Mark R. [mailto:mkendrick@pillsburywinthrop.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2004 2:16 PM
To: Patent Practice
Subject: RE: Amendment Practice - Question

Dear Ms. Dey,

Thank you for your assistance.

The application number is 10/722,254 (the application is Muraki and the Filing Date is 11/25/03). I did not provide it in the first place because I did not want to seem confrontational to the Legal Instruments Examiner. I just wanted to make sure I understood the rule.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Patent Practice [mailto:PatentPractice@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2004 11:06 AM
To: Kendrick, Mark R.
Subject: RE: Amendment Practice - Question

Thank you for your inquiry.

Please provide the application number so that we may look into this matter.

Ms. Terry J. Dey

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kendrick, Mark R. [mailto:mkendrick@pillsburywinthrop.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2004 12:46 PM
To: Patent Practice
Subject: Amendment Practice - Question

Message Directed to Gena Jones, Joe Narcavage, and Elizabeth Dougherty:

I am a patent attorney. On a case that we are responsible for, we filed a response with no amendment to the claims. The response was labeled as a "Response." According to our reading of the change in amendment practice, if we do not make amendments to the claims, then we do not have to list or set forth the claims in the response (and thus we did not). The Legal Instruments Examiner said we filed a non-compliant amendment because in the "Remarks" section of our response, we set forth a claim (in order to distinguish it over the prior art) and thus we should have listed all of the claims.

Please help me clear this up and tell us what the proper rules are.

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